

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

Kidanemariam Kassa,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION FILE  
NO. 1:17-CV-02068-WMR

Fulton County, Georgia, et al,

Defendants.

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

The above entitled action is presently before the Court pursuant to the filing of the parties' Joint Preliminary Report and Discovery Schedule [41]. The Court has reviewed and approves the parties Joint Preliminary Report and Discovery Schedule. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the four-month discovery deadline is **July 15, 2019**. Any motions to amend the pleadings must have obtained prior permission of the court to file any motion to amend. Any Motions for Summary Judgment must be filed by **August 15, 2019**, and if no Motions for Summary Judgment are filed, the Proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order will be due on **August 15, 2019**. However, if a Motion for Summary Judgment is filed, the Proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order will be due within 30 days of the Court's ruling on the Motion for Summary

Judgment. The parties may not evade the page limitations of Local Rule 7.1(D) by filing multiple Motions for Summary Judgment after the close of the discovery period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are directed to adhere to the above deadlines. Any motions requesting extensions of time must be made prior to the existing deadline and will be granted only in exceptional cases where the circumstances on which the request is based did not exist or the attorney(s) could not have anticipated that such circumstances would arise at the time the Preliminary Planning Report was filed. Failure to comply with this order, may result in the imposition of sanctions, including the dismissal of this action. Within 10 days from the entry of this Order, counsel for the parties are directed to confer and determine whether any party will likely be requested to disclose or produce substantial information from electronic or computer-based media. If so, the parties are directed to determine: (a) whether disclosure or production will be limited to data reasonably available to the parties in the ordinary course of business; (b) the anticipated scope, cost and time required for disclosure or production of data beyond what is reasonably available to the parties in the ordinary course of business; (c) the format and media agreed to by the parties for the production of such data as well as agreed procedures for such production; (d) whether reasonable measures have been taken to preserve potentially discoverable data from alteration or destruction in the ordinary course of

business or otherwise; and (e) whether there are other problems which the parties anticipate that may arise in connection with electronic or computer-based discovery. Counsel are directed to the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Civil Discovery Standards § 29 (August 1999) (available upon request from the Court) for guidance. Any agreements as to the foregoing shall be set forth in a written agreement or consent order. If there are substantial disagreements, a discovery conference with the Court should be requested. Counsel are directed to comply with the Federal Bar Association's Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct (1998) (available from the FBA web site or upon request from the Court). In the conduct of depositions, counsel are ordered to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(c)(2) ("An objection must be stated concisely in a nonargumentative and nonsuggestive manner. A person may instruct a deponent not to answer only when necessary to preserve a privilege, to enforce a limitation ordered by the court, or to present a motion under Rule 30(d)(3)."); and may be sanctioned for obstructionist tactics pursuant to Rule 30(d)(2) ("The court may impose an appropriate sanction--including the reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred by any party--on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of the deponent.").

Parties wishing any document filed as part of the record **under seal** must first present a motion and/or consent order regarding said document to the Court. The Clerk of Court is not authorized to accept for filing any document designated as

sealed without an order from the Court approving specific documents to be filed under seal.

The Clerk is directed to submit this action on **August 16, 2019**, if the parties have not filed a Motion for Summary Judgment or Proposed Pretrial Order.

SO ORDERED, this 29th day of April, 2019.



WILLIAM M. RAY, II  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE